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1. Entrainment observed at the Muhlwinkel (M 53/Y 72) railroad station during the period from 1 to 3 October 1952 included:

At 2 p.m. on 1 October. A 50-axle train with guns and trucks.

At 3:30 p.m. on 1 October. A train carrying 6 M-31 rocket launchers, 2 BA-64 armored scout cars, 18 trucks, 2 repair shop cars, 1 jeep and about 180 soldiers.

At 5 p.m. on 1 October. A train carrying 23 trucks, 3 caterpillar tractors and about 100 soldiers.

An informant [] stated that tanks were entrained, during the night of 1 October.

At noon until 6:30 p.m. on 2 October. A train carrying 6 M-31 rocket launchers and 2 BA-64 armored scout cars []

At 3 p.m. on 2 October. A train with 24 x 122-mm field howitzers, 48 trucks

[] and about 150

soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

At 4:30 p.m. on 2 October. A train with at least 30 trucks []

All trains observed departed toward Tangerhuetten. On 4 October, the area close to the Muhlwinkel station was vacant except for several air force sentries seen in the woods east of the station. *

2. On 6 October, materiel loaded at the Dallgow-Doberitz (N 53/Z 65) railroad station included 35 trucks, 2 radio trucks, 1 sedan, 1 ambulance, 2 field kitchens, 14 x 120-mm mortars [] and 5 other motor vehicles []. The train departed toward Berlin at 2 p.m.

3. On 3 October, several trucks [] carrying billeting equipment and personnel arrived at the SS Kaserne in Sachsenhausen and at the concentration camp on Bernauer Allee, Oranienburg (N 53/Z 77). Source believed that they belonged to an advance party. ***

* [] Comment. The loading of six trains in Muhlwinkel on 1 and 2 October confirms the termination of the fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army in this area. Other sources also reported that units, including units of the 34th Arty Div, had departed from the same area at Metzing Heath at that time.

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The train mentioned in the present report which departed at 3 p.m. on 2 October was loaded by units of the 6th Arty Div and the train which departed at 4:30 p.m. was possibly loaded by units of the unidentified Arty Brigade of the LXXIX Mts Rifle Corps from Kostock. The unit entrained at noon probably belonged to the 25th RL Brig, as a train was reported en route from Mahlwinkel to Premnitz by another source on the same day. [redacted] trains departed toward the north.

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** [redacted] Comment. The train which carried units of the 1st Mecz Div went to Jueterbog.

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